

***Amendments to the Drawings***

Submitted herewith are four (4) sheets of Replacement drawings with Figures 1, 2, 3A, 3B, and 4, corresponding to the above-captioned application. The four (4) sheets of Replacement drawings are to replace the informal drawings filed on July 7, 2000. Identification of the drawings is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these drawings into this application is respectfully requested.

***Remarks***

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1, 4, 7-9, 12 and 14-20, and 23-33 are pending in the application, with claim 1 being the sole independent claim. Claims 1, 7, 9, 12, 14-20, and 30 are sought to be amended. New claims 31-33 are sought to be added. Applicants submit herewith Replacement drawings to replace the informal drawings filed on July 7, 2000. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

***Conclusion***

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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***Appendix A: Replacement Drawings***